

J. M. S. News. . . by Donald F. Gately

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Quote of the Week:

You are not only responsible
for what you say,
but also for what you do not say."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Staff Recognition

Last week, eleven members of our middle school staff were honored for their years of service to our school. On November 3rd a lovely ceremony was held in the auditorium in which each staff member was individually recognized and presented with a small gift by our superintendent, Mr. Henry Grishman. Family, friends and colleagues joined in this celebration of loyalty and dedication to our schools.

In his speech, Mr. Grishman pointed out that over 1000 combined years of service were being recognized. For the middle school, the number is 250 years! Pretty amazing. But what is more impressive is when one considers the number of relationships that these staff members have had with students and teachers in their time here.

Thousands and thousands of children's lives have been touched by the lives of these dedicated individuals who work with them each day. Think about it. Every adult can name three or four people who they encountered during the time they were 11-13 years old (some of us even remember every teacher we ever had). So, these people are important indeed. And in a way, their loyalty to the children of Jericho is a testament to the work all of us do. At the end of the day, it's the relationships that make the difference in the lives of young people. I hope that you join me in congratulating and thanking the honorees of Jericho's staff recognition event and in wishing them many, many, more years of loyal service to our community.

In honor of:	45 Years:	Lois Smith
	40 Years:	Peter Horvath, Ernest Savaglio
	25 Years:	Diane Gilbert
	20 Years:	Jeffrey Barnes, Judith Berger, Rita Gottwirt
	10 Years:	Theresa Cantwell, Elaine Lukew, Michael Pekor, Jan Porinchak

Congratulations to Raymond Wu

Raymond has been named a Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics by the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students at SUNY Old Westbury. Selection by the Institute implies that Raymond is among the top one-tenth of one percent in mathematics of all students on Long Island in the 6th grade. We are all very proud of his accomplishments!

Middle School Coats and Winter Outerwear Drive

The Community Service Classes will be holding a Coat and Winter Outerwear Drive from **November 13th through November 17th**. Students will have the opportunity to research and help select the organization in which the items will be donated to. Please help someone less fortunate this winter by keeping them warm. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Eighth Grade Social Studies/Science Trip

Our eighth graders are on their way to the Lackawanna Coal Mine and Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The dates are November 6th, 13th and 20th. This Social Studies and Science interdisciplinary trip will compliment our units on industrialization and immigration as well as the science units on the formation of coal, its properties, and its importance as a fuel source.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 13-17 Middle School Coats/Winter Outerwear Drive

November 15 Middle School Winter Concert I - Chorus/Orchestra Performing - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. Come join us for the Winter Concert I and hear our chorus and orchestra make beautiful sounds. It will definitely be an event you won't want to miss.

November 20 Middle School Report Cards Emailed

November 21-22 Parent-Teacher Conferences - Teacher Initiated - Your child's team will be notifying those parents they wish to meet with.

November 23-24 Schools Closed

November 28 SEPTA Meeting - Middle School Library - 7:30 p.m.

Study Skills: Maximizing Your Study Time - *A Workshop for Parents and Students* - Speaker: Janice McQuaid